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I will attend at my office from the 7th to the 12th of this month to list the taxable property, and also all special taxes for the Town of Rutherfordton. Persons failing to list are liable by the ordinances of the Town to pay a double tax. See Ordinance in another column. March 1st 1870.

J. B. CARPENTER, Mayor.

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THE OLD BOOK KEEPER.

BY GEORGE COOPER.

It was an ancient book-keeper,
And he was tall and slim;
Though his face was mild he rarely smiled,
His clothes were dark and grim;
And everything about his desk
He kept exceedingly trim.

He always hung his hat and coat
Upon the self-same hook;
And laid his ruler, pens and ink
In their respective nook;
And the only exercise he had
Was fidgeting up his books.

Each day, upon the self-same hour,
He took his lonely seat,
And bent his body and his mind,
His labor to complete;
And bits were neither on his fame
Nor on his ledger sheet.

The music of his pen was heard
From morn till eventide;
To columns vast his eyes were cast,
Then down again with pride;
Quite pleased was he to see his work
Increased and multiplied.

The cash that o'er his fingers came
Each day was so, nothing grand;
And yet so seldom he was off
By him was ever planned;
Although you saw with half an eye
That he wrote a "slipping hand."

He had no wife, he made no friends,
His joys and cares were few;
And the worst "hope" he had in his day,
Was to keep his balance true;
A good world it every man
The latter thing would do.

He never sighed when little ills
His way of life would give;
And o'er the errors of his youth
He showed no vain remorse;
But he set down all that came along
To profit or to loss.

One day the creditor of all
Project in for life amount;
He found the old man at his post,
Through low rain nature's fount;
The books were closed, and he was posted
Up to his last account.

ALL ARE BUILDERS.
All are architects of fate,
Working in the walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is or low;
Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show,
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled,
Our to-days and yesterday
Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these;
Leave no yawning gaps between,
Things not, because no vision sees,
Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of art,
Builders wrought with greater care,
Each minute and unseen part,
For the gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where gods may dwell,
Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
Staining in these walls of Time—
Broken stairways where the least
Stumble as they seek to climb.

Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and securing
Shall to-morrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain
To the towers where the eye
Sees the world as one vast plain,
And one boundless reach of sky.

I LONG TO RIDE THE OCEAN'S WAVE.
BY PERRY.

I long to ride the Ocean's wave,
To see the surging tide roll on,
To feel the gentle, cooling breeze,
And hear the music of its moan;

To sail across the briny deep,
To reach the land of the far west,
To see the sunset glow on fire,
And feel the soft rock to my breast.

Then, when the balmy evening brings
A cloudless night, and silver moon,
To watch in rapture o'er the deck,
And view the lights all lit alone;

To see the distant horizon—
A sheet of sparkling, misty spray;
And feel the ship rock to and fro,
As o'er the deep she wings her way.

Woman's Curiosity—The Secret of Old Fellowship—A Woman that Wanted Just a Peep into that Private Closet.

A lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Woodstown, determined to have their lodge-rooms done up clean and nice. It was resolved unanimously that Mrs. K. Should be employed to do the job.

After the meeting adjourned the Guardian, who knew the inquisitive character of Mrs. K., procured a billygoat and placed him in the closet that was kept as a reservoir for the secret things. He then informed the lady of the wishes of the lodge, and requested her to come early next day, as he would then be at leisure to show her what was and what was not to be done.

Morning came, and with it Madame K., with her broom, brushes, pails, tubs, etc., and found the Guardian waiting for her.

"Now, Madame," said he, "I tell you what we want done, and how we came to employ you. The brothers said it was difficult to get anybody to do the job and not be meddling with the secrets in that little closet; we have lost the key, and cannot find it to lock the door. I assured them that you could be depended on."

"Depended on?" I guess I can. My poor dead and gone husband who belonged to the Free Masons or anti-Masons I don't know which. He used to tell me all the secrets of the the concern, and when he showed me all the marks the gridiron made when he was initiated, and told me how they fixed poor Morgan, I never told a living soul to this day; if no body troubles your closet to find out your secrets till I do, they will lay there till they rot—they will."

"I thought so," said the Guardian, "and now I want you to commence in that corner and give the whole room a decent cleaning, and I have pledged my word and honor to the fidelity of your promise, now don't go into the closet," and then left the lady to herself.

No sooner had she heard the sound of his feet on the last step of the stairs than she exclaimed, "Don't get into the closet!" "I'll warrant there's a gridiron, or some nonsense, just like the anti-Masons for all the world, I'll be bound. I will take one peep, and nobody will be any the wiser, as I can keep it to myself."

Suiting the action to the word she stepped lightly to the forbidden closet, turned the button, which was no sooner done, than bawled the billygoat with a spring to regain his liberty, which came near upsetting her ladyship. Both started for the door, but it was filled with implements for house cleaning, and all were swept clear from their position down to the bottom of the stairs.

The noise and confusion occasioned by such unceremonious coming down stairs drew half the town to witness Mrs. K.'s effort to get from under the pile of pails, tubs, brooms, and brushes in the street.

Who should be first to the spot but the rascally doorkeeper, who after releasing the goat, which was a cripple for life, and uplifting the rubbish that bound the good woman to the earth, anxiously inquired if she had been taking the degrees.

"Taking the degrees!" exclaimed the lady, "if you call tumbling from the top to the bottom of the stairs, with the devil after ye, taking things by degrees, I have them, and if ye frighten folks as ye have me, and hurt to boot, I'll warrant they will make as much noise as I did."

"I hope you will not open the closet, madam," said the doorkeeper.

"Open the closet? Eate the apple she was forbidden! If you want a woman to do anything tell her not to do it, and she'll do it certain. I could not stand the temptation. The secret was there I wanted to know it. I opened the door and out popped the rascal critter right into my face. I thought the devil had me, and I broke for the stairs with the devil butting me at every jump. I fell over the tub and got down stairs as you found us, all in a heap."

"But madame," said the doorkeeper, "you are in possession of the great secret of our order, and must go up and be initiated and sworn, and then go in the regular way."

"Regular way?" exclaimed the lady, "and do you suppose I am going near the tangle place again, and ride that ar critter without a bridle or lady's saddle? No, never! I don't want nothing to do with the man that rides it. I'd look nice perched upon a billygoat—wouldn't I? No, never! I'll never go nigh it again, nor avar hall nuther—if I can prevent it no lady shall ever join the Odd Fellows. Why, I'd sooner be a Free Mason, and be broiled on a gridiron as long as I could be kept under it, and pulled from garrot to cellar, with a halter, in a pair of old breeches and slippers, just as my dead husband—"

And he lived over it, but I never could live over such another ride as I took to-day."

Justice Buckley, of Brooklyn, has denied the authority of Bergh to prosecute cases for cruelty to animals.

How a lad Wheeled Himself into Fortune and Influence.

At a meeting of the stockholders of a prominent railway corporation, recently held in this city, there were present two gentlemen, both well up in years, one, however, considerably the senior of the other. In talking of old times gone by, the younger gentlemen called the attention of his friends and told a pleasant little story which should be read with profit by every poor, industrious and striving lad. We use his own language:

"Nearly half a century ago, gentlemen, I was stout, willing and able, considering my then tender years, and secured a place in a hardware store to do all kinds of chores required. I was paid seventy-five dollars per year for my boyish services. One day, after I had been at work three months or more, my friend there, Mr. B., who holds his age remarkably well, came into the store and bought a large bill of shovels and tongs and irons and pans, buckets, scrapers and scutlers, for he was to be married next day, and was supplying his household in advance, as was the groom's custom in those days. The articles were packed on the barrow and made a load sufficiently heavy for a young man. But, more willing than able, I started off, proud that I could move such a mass on the wheelbarrow. I got on remarkably well till I struck the mud road, now Seventh avenue, leading to my friend B.'s house. There I toiled and tugged, and tugged and toiled, but could not budge the load up the hill, the wheel going its full half diameter in the mud every time. I would try to propel forward. Finally a good natured Irishman with a dray took my barrow, self and all on his vehicle, and in consideration of my promise to pay him a bit landed me at my destination. I counted the articles carefully as I delivered them, and with my empty barrow trudged my way back, whistling with glee over my triumph over difficulty. Some weeks after I paid the Irishman the 'bit,' and never got it back from my employers. (Mr. B., I am sure, would have remunerated me, but he never before heard this story, so if he is inclined he can compromise the debt by sending me a bushel of his ripe peaches next fall.) But the moral. A merchant had witnessed my struggles, and how zealously I labored to deliver that load of hardware; he even watched me to the house and saw me count each piece as I handed it in the doorway. He sent for me next day, asked my name, told me he had a reward for my industry and cheerfulness under difficulty, in the shape of a five hundred dollar clerkship in his extensive establishment. I accepted, and now, after nearly a half century has passed, I look back and say I wheeled myself into all I own, for that reward for perseverance was my grand stepping stone to fortune."

The sealer was a very wealthy banker, a man of influence and position, and one universally respected for many good qualities of head and heart. Boys, take a moral from this little story and be willing and industrious. You do not know how many eyes are upon you to discover whether you are sluggish and careless, or industrious and willing or how many there are who, if you are moral and worthy, will give you a stepping stone to wealth and position.—Pittsburg Gazette.

Two boys in Baltimore amused themselves in playing hanging, and one of them was hung in earnest.

Queer Freak of a Chicken—The Troubles of a Colored Citizen.

Near pateron there lives a colored person named James Stewart, whom the community, by common consent, have dubbed Commodore Stewart. He is a talented but eccentric individual, and has a weakness for chickens. On one occasion, being found near a poultry yard under suspicious circumstances, he was interrogated rather sharply by the owner of the premises, as follows:

"Well, Jim, what are you doing here?"

"Oh, nuffin, nuffin, jes walkin' round."

"What do you want with my chickens?"

"Nuffin at all. I was only lookin' at 'em, dey looks so nice."

This answer was both conciliatory and conclusive, and would have been satisfactory had it not been for Jim's hat. This was a rather worn felt, a good deal too large for its wearer's head, and it seemed to have a motion entirely unusual in hats, and manifestly due to some remarkable cause. It seemed to contract and expand an move of itself, and clearly without Jim's volition. So the next inquiry was:

"What is the matter with your hat?"

"My hat? Dats an old hat. Ise found dat hat?"

"Well, take it off and let's look at it."

"Take dis hat off? No sah. I'd keech cold in my head, sartin. I always keep my hat on when I'm out o' doors."

And with that Jim was about beating a hasty retreat, when, at his first step, a low "kluk, kluk, kluk" was heard coming only too clearly from the region of his head gear. This was fatal, and Jim was stopped and forced to remove his hat, when a pump, half-grown chicken jumped out and ran hastily away. The air with which the culprit gazed after it was a study for a painter; it expressed to perfection wonder and perplexity blended, but not a trace of guilt. Slowly he spoke, as though explaining the matter to himself, and accounting for so remarkable and incident:

"Well, if dat aint de funniest thing I ebber did see. Why, dat ar chicken must have clum up de leg o' my pantaloon."

Governors for 1870.

The following is a list of Governors of the 37 States of the Union for 1870. The six whose names are marked thus * are Democrats, all others are Republicans. The figures indicate the expiration of term:

Alabama, Wm. H. Smith,	1870.
Arkansas, P. Clayton,	1871.
California, H. H. Haight,	1871.
Connecticut, M. Jewell,	1871.
Delaware, G. Swabert,	1871.
Florida, H. Reel,	1872.
Georgia, R. B. Bullock,	1871.
Illinois, J. M. Palmer,	1871.
Indiana, Conrad Baker,	1872.
Iowa, Samuel Merrill,	1872.
Kansas, James M. Harvey,	1871.
Kentucky, J. W. Stevenson,	1871.
Louisiana, H. C. Warmoth,	1872.
Maine, J. L. Chamberlain,	1871.
Maryland, Olin Bowie,	1872.
Massachusetts, Wm. Claflin,	1871.
Michigan, H. P. Baldwin,	1872.
Minnesota, Horace Austin,	1872.
Mississippi, J. L. Alcorn,	1872.
Missouri, J. W. McClurg,	1872.
Nebraska, David Butler,	1871.
Nevada, H. G. Blount,	1871.
New Hampshire, O. Stearns,	1870.
New Jersey, T. F. Randolph,	1871.
New York, J. T. Hoffman,	1871.
North Carolina, W. W. Holden,	1871.
Ohio, R. B. Hayes,	1872.
Oregon, Geo. L. Wood,	1870.
Pennsylvania, Jno. W. Geary,	1873.
Rhode Island, P. F. Feltus,	1871.
South Carolina, R. K. Scott,	1871.
Tennessee, D. W. C. Senter,	1871.
Texas, E. J. Davis,	1871.
Vermont, F. E. Washburn,	1870.
Virginia, C. C. Walker,	1871.
Washington, W. E. Stevenson,	1871.
Wisconsin, L. Fairchild,	1872.

Miss Susan Galton was married last Wednesday morning in Philadelphia to a gentleman named Kichler, who has for a long time been connected with the Galton Opera Troupe.

Didn't Know It.

A party of young men in Springfield, Ohio spent a part of New Year's day in firing salutes from their revolvers. One of the number afterward complained of not feeling well. No special trouble was experienced through the day, but at night, on examination, a bullet hole was found in the rim of his hat, and upon further search it appeared that the bullet which had pierced his hat had also entered his head, although he declared he was not aware of it, and suffered no inconvenience from it. The young man was not at his own home at this time; but the next evening he went home, and upon stating the facts to his parents medical aid was summoned. Two physicians examined the wound, and came to the conclusion that the ball which had entered his head lodged under the frontal bone, the young man at times complaining of a dull pain in his right temple. He has not been prostrated a day by the wound; goes about as if nothing had happened, although some of the attending physicians declare that the ball must have passed through the skull.

Reduction of Postage.

The Provisions of Mr. Bingham's bill amendatory of the postal laws, may be summed up as follows:

First, to reduce the postage on letters to two cents per half ounce and one cent for every additional half ounce or fraction thereof; second, to impose upon newspapers and periodicals issued daily, weekly or monthly, or at any other stated period and not exceeding four ounces in weight one cent postage, and one cent for every additional two ounces or fraction thereof; third, on drop-letters and unsealed circulars, one cent postage, and one cent for every additional half ounce or fraction thereof; fourth, to exempt from postage, all newspapers circulating in the State or Territory where published, or within one hundred miles of the place of publication; fifth, the free transmission of exchanges, between publishers; and sixth, manuscripts intended for publication not exceeding two ounces in weight, to be three cents postage, and one cent for every additional ounce.

Pass Him Round.

A scamp by the name of W. H. H. Derwort, professing to be a Mason, and who had been a clerk in some Indian agency West, has imposed upon the fraternity here. He obtained some money by giving a draft on a gentleman of Washington, D. C. The draft was protested, and the gentleman upon whom it was drawn fully exposed him as a rascal, who had been discharged from service over twelve months ago for his rogueries. He is about thirty-six years of age, rather spare built, five feet seven inches high, sandy hair and of prepossessing appearance. The Masonic fraternity and the community generally will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

Harrisburg Va. Commonwealth.

The death of another member of the firm of the great publishing house of Harper Brothers is announced. Mr. Joseph Wesley Harper died at his residence in New York on Monday morning. Mr. Harper conducted the literary correspondence of the house, and was well known to authors in this country and Europe. The only two surviving of the four brothers who founded the firm are Jond and Fletcher Harper.

THE STAR.

J. B. CARPENTER. R. W. LOGAN.
CARPENTER & LOGAN.
EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.
RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1870.

Mr. R. O. Ledbetter.
Richard is out in a card in the *Vindicator*, but as he does not deny, nor resent, our calling him a liar, dastard and scoundrel, we cannot therefore lower our dignity to reply to his card, as we do not wish any controversy with a man who is so low down that he will not resent such charges. We now say to him we are done. "Shoo! fly don't bother us."

THE ISSUE.

Shall W. W. Holden, or the honest Republicans of North Carolina rule the State?

The issue is made. The time for action has come, and we want to know how many are ready and prepared to show their hands. There has never been, in the history of Republican Government, a parallel to the administration of W. W. Holden in North Carolina. His administration, has been one of tyranny, usurpation, treachery and corruption. He has usurped powers that did not belong to him, and he has exercised those powers with an utter disregard for law or Constitution. He has tyrannized over the people, the State and even the Supreme Court of the State, in a way only suited to a despot and a tyrant. He has usurped the powers belonging to the Superintendent of Public Works, in the face of law and public opinion. He has exercised those powers with corruption, by placing irresponsible and corrupt men, in control of our railroads, because he was afraid to trust men of honesty and ability to such appointments, knowing that they would not be made tools of, in speculating upon, and swindling the people out of their money. He used these powers treacherously, because he promised the people to put honest and responsible men in charge of these important offices, which he ignored in his appointments from A to Z.

He exercised those powers with selfishness and tyranny, by refusing to surrender them to the proper officer, or allowing the question of power to be decided by the proper tribunals, (the Supreme Court, and now on the eve of a decision governing the power would be taken out of his hands, and as was intended by the Constitution and the law, placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Works, with an utter disregard, and disrespect for that "time honored tribunal," he put to work with all the trickery and intrigue belonging to him by nature, to forestall their decision, by repealing the law giving these powers to the Superintendent of Public Works, which we are very sorry to see, by the influence brought to bear upon the Legislature, he was successful in doing.

Republicans of North Carolina, look at the picture. We have stated nothing but *brilliant* and refer to all honest men as our witnesses.

Are you willing that your State should be ruled and ruled by such a despot? Are you willing as *Republicans* to be quietly lead by this *tyrant* and *usurper* to your ruin and destruction as a party? We ask of you, before it is too late, to survey your position carefully, and strike while there is yet time.

We call upon the *Standard*, and all other papers in the State, that are published in the interest of republican principles, to come out and show where they stand. The issue is fixed and plain, are you for Holden, or the republican party, and the redemption of the State from the ruin and degradation brought upon it by his corrupt and wicked policy? There is no time for delay. We want to know where you stand. You must take one side or the other, and the choice is left with you. Which will you take? To follow Holden, is to be politically damned for all time to come, and it is to be hoped, that Republicans have their eyes open to the danger, and when you visit Charlotte give them a call.

present, and anxiously await the action of honest Republicans, hoping they may see the danger, and act speedily but wisely.

Office of Secretary of State.
We are reliably informed that the Senate Committee on the Office of H. J. MENNINGER, Secretary of State, consisting of Messrs. WINSTEAD, LOVE and LINDSEY, have examined said Office, and that they find everything correct and kept in the best order.

We are gratified at this result. Mr. MENNINGER a good Officer.—The Office has never been better kept than now.

Mysterious Disappearance.

We learn of a very sudden disappearance on the Southern train which arrived in this city last night. Two gentlemen, one rather an elderly man who registered his name as F. W. Lucas, from Athens, Ga., at the hotel, and a young man, a jeweler named Omer from the same place, were traveling together. When they reached the point where the railroad bridge connection branches off from the W. & M. R. B. about 7 miles from the city, the young man Omer got up from the seat where he had been sitting beside his friend and went out on the platform for some purpose. Here the train switched off on the connection. Omer's failure to return did not excite the anxieties of his friend until they reached bridge at Meigs Bluff and a change of cars was necessary. Mr. Lucas picked up Omer's shawl and satchel, supposed to contain jewelry and weighing about 30 pounds, and went through all the cars looking for his friend. He then called the conductor and a thorough search was instituted; but Omer was not to be found on the train. Mr. Lucas remarked to the conductor that he had his friend's shawl and satchel. Just then a man who had been sitting opposite the whole way stepped up and said the satchel was his. Not recollecting fully that his friend had a satchel, and suspecting no wrong, Mr. Lucas gave it up to the claimant, who took the through cars.

Mr. Lucas stopped in the city last night to hunt up his friend to day. He now suspects that play and fears Omer may have been shoved off the car by the man who claimed the satchel for the purpose of getting hold of the jewelry it was supposed to contain. He will go back to the turnout on the Southern train this morning, and see if he can find the body of his friend, if dead, or ascertain something of his whereabouts, if living. The whole affair is mysterious.—*Wilmington Journal* 2nd.

Revenue—Post Routes in the South—An Increase in Customs.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Revenue to day over half million.

The President has signed a bill establishing a number of postal routes throughout the Southern States.

Customs for the last eight months show an increase of nearly twenty-three millions over the corresponding months last year.

The President in accepting an invitation for the 4th of July, hoped that Congress would adjourn before then.

House.—The Georgia bill occupied the House all day. The debate, postponed to prolonged, Farnsworth and Beck opposed the bill. Mr. Beck offered a substitute that no further legislation is necessary. The debate was quite animated. The result is doubtful. Adjourned.

Ku Klux.

At the time of going to press, the investigation, which has been progressing since last Thursday morning, before His Honor Judge LOGAN, has not been closed, and we doubt whether all the evidence can be heard to-day. Messrs. J. M. JUSTICE, CARPENTER and LOGAN, are charged with the prosecution for the State, and Messrs. CARSON, CHURCHILL and M. H. JUSTICE appear for the defendant. Wm. DEPLAIST Wm. BARR, O. O. CARSON, AMOS OWENS, R. A. McESTRE and JAMES FORBES, who are charged with going disguised and whipping different persons. But for the legal steps that are being taken in the matter, we would like to give the evidence and comment some upon the case, which we may do at some future day.

Messrs. HARRIS & PHARR offer a large and varied stock of goods in their line, which they promise to sell cheap.

A Man Chastised in a Novel Manner by a Woman.

A few days ago, as report has it, a novel procedure took place in this city, in the nature of the chastising of a newly married man by the bride's mother. From what we can learn of the case, the gentleman deserved all he got, and we trust it has made a lasting impression upon his mind, if it did not upon his face and head. It seems the gentleman, who was a widower, wooed, won and married an industrious young lady, who formerly resided in the lower part of this State, and who was engaged in the business of dress-making, but who moved to this city a short time before Mr. — became acquainted with her. She was doing a good business in the above line when he married her. The honey-moon had hardly passed before the husband, blasted all the bright prospects, as well as the faithful promises he had made to her, by getting upon one of his old time drunks; and when in that condition he is as filthy in his habits as a drunken man can well be. He continued on his spree, despite the pleadings of her whom he had promised to love and cherish, until forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and she laid her grievances before her mother, who thought she would try another style of argument; so she supplied herself with a pair of weapons known as steel knuckles, and visited the residence of her unfaithful son-in-law, and proceeded to chastise him in a manner that brought him to his knees and he promised to do whatever she wished. He begged his wife's pardon for his past neglect. His mother-in-law had a Bible brought forth, and made him take an oath to abstain from the intoxicating cup. How long he will keep his oath we will see.—*Wilmington (Del.) Journal*.

A Dog's puality.

The Milwaukee-Wisconsin relates the following: A gentleman living at Wauwatosa related to us a day the following incident of the truth of which he swears: One day last week a man went to a saloon, as was his daily custom to drink, and meeting boon companions, remained with them till late at night when he started to go home. Overcome by the liquor he had drunk, the man laid down on the railroad track and went to sleep. A faithful dog, who had followed the man, stood and watched over him until the whistle of a locomotive in the distance showed that a freight train was approaching. The dog, fully aware of the danger imminent to his master, tried to arouse the drunken man, and tore his clothes badly in the attempt. Unable to awake the sleeper, the dog took the man by the shoulder and fairly dragged him from the track just as the train came on. The man was saved, but the poor dog who had so faithfully protected the master he loved, was struck by the cow-catcher and smashed to pieces. When the man recovered his senses it was found that his flesh was bitten in several places by the dog, in the strong efforts made by the animal to save his life. The man the next day gathered up the pieces of the faithful animal and buried them. He was so fully impressed by the remarkably narrow escape from death that he has resolved not to get drunk again.

A Tale of Horror.

"They that would be rich suddenly, fall into divers temptations." For the love of money is the root of all evil, which some coveting have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Many years since, a sea-faring man called at a village inn on the coast of Normandy, and asked for a supper and a bed. The landlord and landlady were elderly people, and apparently poor. He entered into conversation with them, and invited them to partake of his cheer, asked them many questions about themselves and their family and particularly of a son who had gone to sea when a boy, and whom they had long given over as dead.

The landlady showed him to his room; and when she quitted him, he put a purse of gold in her hand, and desired her to keep it till morning, pressed her affectionately by the hand and bade her good night. She returned to her husband, and showed him the gold. For its sake they agreed to murder the traveler in his sleep, which they accomplished, and buried the body.

In the morning came two or three relations, and asked in a joyful tone for the traveler who had arrived there the night before. The old people seemed greatly confused; said he had risen early and gone away. "Impossible!" said the relations. "It is your own son, who is lately returned from France

and is come to make you happy the evening of your days, and he resolved to lodge with you one night as a stranger, that he might see you unknown, and judge of your conduct toward wayfaring mariners."

Language would be incompetent to describe the horror of the murderers when they found they had dyed their hands in the blood of their long-lost child. They confessed their crime, the body was found, and the wretched murderers expired their offense on the scaffold.

Golden Rules for the Green.

Should you be talking to a thin, elderly, unmarried lady, of another thin, elderly, unmarried lady, you need not describe the party alluded to as a "scrappy old maid."

If you require a person to become security for you, don't ask the man who promised he would do anything for you when he knew you didn't want anything done.

If you happen to know an author, don't own it; one half the world won't believe you, and the other half will think much of it if they do.

Don't say you never take suppers, except where you know they never give any.

If you don't know what everybody else knows you had better hold your tongue; and if you know something that everybody else knows you had better hold your tongue too.

If you happen to say something in society which causes a painful sensation, you had better go out to walk for five minutes.

If you intend to do a good thing don't change your mind; and if you possess a \$5 note don't change that.

Sad Accident.

We are pained to announce that a young man of this county, Doc. Richardson, came to his death one day week before last by being caught under a tree which he had cut down. The circumstances are these: Young Richardson went out early in the morning to his work of felling trees: at about eight o'clock he cut down and lodged one in the fork of a dead tree that stood near; working to dislodge it, and succeeding, in the fall, he was caught by one leg between the two trees, where he lay helpless until nine o'clock at night, when he was found by other members of the family who, missing him through the day, went in search of him. When found young Richardson was not dead, but died the next day. He saw the parties in search of him, being too weak to hail them, attracted their attention by whistling. This is one of the saddest accidents we have been called on to record for many years. Richardson was quite a youth; full of hope, and industrious to a fault.—*Raleigh Standard*.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Revenue over \$500,000.

Summer withdrew his objection to disability bill, and it now undoubtedly goes to the President who will sign it.

James N. Mason of Arkansas, colored, is nominated as Consul General of Liberia.

The bill reported by Mr. Robertson from the Disability Committee does not relieve persons affected by the Fourteenth amendment.

House.—After unimportant business the Georgia bill was taken up and will be voted on tomorrow. Butler in arguing on the bill said, "Georgia for the first time presented herself in a proper guise for admission."

Butler added, "if the judgment of the House went with his own he proposed to exhibit to Tennessee the power of Congress against wrong rapine and murder."

Senate.—Committee on disabilities reported a bill abolishing the ironclad oath.

Resolutions of the Mississippi Legislature for the removal of disabilities of citizens of that State, were presented.

Bill to refer all claims for quartermaster and commissary stores furnished to or taken by the United States, by loyal persons in the South during the war, considered.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

"ALL NATURAL HOPES FOR SPRING, 1870."

Withkowsky & Rintles.
TINERUIT OF AN ESTABLISHED and successful business, together with a steadily increasing CAPITAL, gives us every season, better facilities for offering inducements to our numerous customers, both WHOLESALE and RETAIL, and hence this notice is only the

Attention.
Of all, we are now making extensive purchases, which, owing to the very large increase in our business—during 1869, (the fact returns will show \$27,000.00 increase of any house in the City and figures are substantial), enables us to buy with impunity as to quantity, and from first hand—directly. Manufacturers, Importers and Commission Houses, thereby, saving from 10 to 25 per cent. over smaller buyers—and it is this and advantage that gives us the lead in this market.

Our Stock
Will be completed or nearly so, by the 10th of March, and will embrace all classes of goods necessary, either for WHOLESALE or RETAIL, to the inspection of which we invite not only those coming of this March, but to purchase, come on their way to other places for that purpose.

We offer on *trial*, business will be conducted, in the future, as in the past, viz: **honorable Competition** against **imposition**

Dry Goods Department
Will be complete, and selected with the greatest care, and at the lowest prices.

Clothing Department.
We make a specialty and invite the most fastidious to call and examine.

Boots and Shoes.
Will be bought most from manufacturers, in Boston and elsewhere, and we claim to be able to compete with all.

Hats.
Will be purchased at the BROOKLYN AUCTIONS and of NEWARK MANUFACTURERS.

Hardware.
Especially Table and Pocket Cutlery, we buy for Gold from the Importers.

Groceries—there comes the rub.
That line of Goods we buy quantities second to no house in this City, (their assertion to the contrary, notwithstanding), and at as low figures as a dollar, consisting of 1000 cases, can buy. In short, come and look at our stock, ascertain our prices, and judge for yourselves.

Military Department.
Is complete as usual, and is presided over by MISS BESSY WILLIAMS, who is widely known for her superior taste in that line.

Respectfully,
Withkowsky & Rintles.
Charlotte, N. C.

No. 614.
Visit our place early.

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We have now in store for the Wholesale and Retail Trade,
Sole by order of the Superior Court on the petition of Maudie Hayden and others.
200 doz. Pocket Knives.
400 " Table Spoons.
75 " Co. Knives.
75 " Pad Locks, (of different kinds).

2000 lbs. Plow Iron, Plow Steel, Sledge Iron, &c.
1000 lbs. Cast, Blister, German & Spring Steel.
1000 Gro. Screws, from 1/4 up.
150 doz. Butt Hinges, (all kinds)
75 " Spades, Shovels, Forks, &c.
600 Yds. Emulated cloth, including MUSLIN, DRILL, BROWN PATENT DRILL, DUCK MOLLESEIN, &c., &c.

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AXES WARRANTED.
HORES, MATTOCKS, GRASS, GRAIN and Bear Scythes.

BLACKSMITH TOOLS. including Bellows, Anvils, Vices, Screw Plates, Hammers, &c., together with a large assortment of **Carpenter's Tools, Gunsmith's Material, Cabinet and Builders, Tanners' Tools, &c. Hardware.**

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Charlotte, N. C.

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The Oldest Merchants of Charlotte, are offering their large and well assorted Stock of Dry Goods, Ready Made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Notions and Fancy Goods Suited to the Wholesale Trade, at Unprecedented Low Prices. Buyers would do well to examine their goods and prices before purchasing. Store opposite Charlotte Hotel. 45 3m. **ELLIS & COHEN.**

NEW GOODS. THE VERY LATEST STYLES AND AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

H. C. DAVIS & BROS.

Fail and Winter
Goods ever before presented to the people of Rutherfordton at which he offers to sell at greatly reduced prices, for GREENBACKS, or country produce, of ANY KIND, at the highest market price.

Just received, a new lot of Ladies' and Gent's Shoes, of all grades. Also a large lot of Copper Tipped, Shanks, for children, at living prices, call and see for yourselves. **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!!
If you want to get good bargains, by buying the best of any goods for the lowest prices, before you make your purchases, be sure to call on **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

FAMILY GROCERIES
Of all kinds including the best qualities of Sugars, and Coffees for sale cheap by **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

NOTIONS AND FANCY GOODS.
A GOOD assortment of Notions and Fancy Goods, Toys and pretty things to please the children. For sale by **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
If you want anything in the line of Gents' Furnishing Goods, you will always find on hand at the lowest prices, in the latest fashions, a good supply of Ready-Made Clothing, over coats, cassimere clothes, &c., by calling at **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

DRY GOODS.
SPLENDID assortment of Calicoes, Worsteds, Delaines, and Ladies' dress goods and trimmings, to suit both style and price, can be found at **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

TOBACCO AND SNUFF.
THE best qualities of chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco, cigars, Snuff, &c. Always on hand and for sale by **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

HARDWARE & CUTLERY.
A GOOD supply of Hardware and Cutlery, consisting of Carpenter's tools, of all descriptions, knives and forks, scissors, &c. For sale cheap by **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

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A LARGE supply of best Liverpool Salt, for sale very low at **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

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CANDIES, nuts, jollies, pickles, crackers, &c. For sale by **H. C. DAVIS & BROS.**

Notice.—On Monday of
March Superior Court, at the 23rd of March, 1870, I will sell to the highest bidder, at the Court House in Rutherfordton, the valuable Property known as the Miller Mine, situate on 2nd Broad River, about nine miles north from Rutherfordton, in Rutherford county, N. C. This property consists of about one thousand Acres of land, on which there is supposed to be a rich Gold Mine. There is also a Mill, good Timber, and Farming Land included in the tract.

Sale by order of the Superior Court on the petition of Maudie Hayden and others. Terms, six months credit, the purchaser to give bond bearing interest from date, with security. Title without sale is confirmed by the Court and payment made. **J. B. CARPENTER, C. C. S. C.** Feb. 8th, 1870. 5-1

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The Grafton Mineral Paint Co., are now manufacturing the Best, Cheapest and most Durable Paint in use; two coats well put on, mixed with pure Linseed Oil, will last 10 or 15 years. It is of a light brown or beautiful chocolate color, and can be changed to green, lead, stone, drab, olive or cream, to suit the taste of the consumer. It is valuable for Houses, Barns, Fences, Carriage and Car makers, Pails and Wooden Ware, Agricultural Implements, Canal Boats, Vessels and Ships Bottoms, Canvas, Metal and Smoother Boats (in long Fire and Water proof). Floor Oil Cloths, (one Manufacturer having used 5,000 lbs. the past year) and as a paint for any purpose is unsurpassed for body, durability, economy and cheapness. Price 50 cents per gal. of 300 lbs. which will supply a farmer for years to come. Warranted in all cases as above. Send for a circular which gives full particulars. Some genuine samples branded in a trade mark, Grafton Mineral Paint. Persons can order the Paint and remit the money on receipt of goods. Address, **ELLIS & CO., 234 Pearl St. N. Y.** 4-6m

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"Books which are Books."

Here is a list of such Works as should be found in every Library—within the reach of every reader—Works to entertain, instruct and improve the mind. Copies will be sent by return post, on receipt of price.

New Physiology; or, Signs of

The Flax and the Frail—An Editor Cowhided by Blondes—The Cause of the Assault

On Wednesday, the telegraph informed us that W. F. Storace, proprietor of the Chicago Times, was publicly cowhided by Lydia Thomson and Pauline Markham, the well-known burlesquers. The following article, which appeared in the Times, the day before of fended the Blondes, and hence the assault:

THE "BLONDES" IN A NUTSHELL.—If there is any subject entirely repulsive to the public it must be that which forms the refrain of the article: and if further reference is made to it, it is done in the same manner and for the same reason that gambling and prostitution are discussed in the columns of this newspaper—that the evil may be properly shown up and effectually cured. Great headway has already been made toward the accomplishment of this purpose; and we venture to predict that, after two or three weeks, the public will be spared the disgrace of the worst possible form of the leg drama, or, if not, that such exhibitions will fail to secure the attendance of any respectable man, as they have already driven every respectable woman.

That this batch of women should make an appeal to the public, under these circumstances, is simply insulting to the public judgment. That they have made an unnecessary and lewd exhibition of their persons, such as would not probably be tolerated by the police in any bawdy-house; that they have made use of broad, low, and degrading language, such as men of any self-respect would repudiate even in the absence of ladies; that their entertainments have been mere vehicles for the exhibition of coarse women and the use of disreputable language, unrelieved by any wit of humor;—these things and much more can be proved by any one of respectability who has attended any of their performances. These are the charges that have been made; and they are now reiterated. The women against whom they are made have male protectors with them, who, if they were sensible of any injustice would take immediate and direct means for vindication and retribution, instead of making and weak and senseless appeals to the public in the name of women. These women must either concede the justice of the charges or change their protectors,—one of whom, styling himself manager, allowed himself to be publicly whipped by a newspaper man whom he had insulted in New York, and afterward whinily advertised his disgrace before a police magistrate.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE COWHIDING. A telegram says: "At about five o'clock, which is known to be Mr. Storace's dinner hour, Lydia, with three other female and four male members of her troupe, stationed themselves in a carriage in front of Mr. Storace's house. A few moments after, that gentleman, accompanied by his wife approached. Miss Thompson stepped from her carriage, followed by four male friends, saluted Storace, and having satisfied herself that he was the man she wanted, struck him over the head with a rawhide. Storace grasped at her throat but was seized by Thompson's friends, when she dealt him another blow.—Two citizens and a policeman near at hand rushed up, separated the combatants and took the assaulting crowd to the police office, where they gave bail to answer for the breach of the peace. One or two revolvers were drawn during the melee, and Storace applied his cane to one of Miss Thompson's male friend's head, but no blood was spilt.

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